

HUNTING INCIDENTS

1. **SHOOTER:** 51 year-old male **VICTIM:** 39 year-old male
 FIREARM: 12 gauge shotgun **TYPE:** Non-fatal
 COUNTY: Yakima **BLAZE ORANGE:** Yes
 HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes **DATE OF INCIDENT:** 10/2/05

NARRATIVE: The shooter and victim were quail hunting about 75 yards apart. The shooter and victim were separated by a small hill, which obscured the victim's hunter orange at the time of the incident. A quail flushed, the shooter fired and the victim was struck with pellets in the face and arms.

CAUSE: Victim covered by shooter swinging on game

2. **SHOOTER:** 50 year-old male **VICTIM:** 5 year-old male
 FIREARM: 12 gauge shotgun **TYPE:** Non-fatal
 COUNTY: Yakima **BLAZE ORANGE:** No
 HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes **DATE OF ACCIDENT:** 11/6/05

NARRATIVE: The shooter was quail hunting with a friend and his non-hunting son. The son—dressed in dull clothing--was approximately 40 yards away from the hunters when a quail flushed between them in the direction of the five-year old non-hunter. The shooter fired, striking the victim with two dozen pellets to the torso.

CAUSE: Victim covered by shooter swinging on game

3. **SHOOTER:** 39 year-old male **VICTIM:** Self-Inflicted
 FIREARM: .30-06 rifle **TYPE:** FATAL
 COUNTY: Cowlitz **BLAZE ORANGE:** N/A
 HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Unknown **DATE OF ACCIDENT:** 11/9/05

NARRATIVE: The victim was elk hunting in steep, brushy terrain and was attempting to approach one of his hunting partners. The partner fired at a bull elk and had run out of ammunition. As the victim worked his way uphill, he apparently stumbled, pointing the muzzle of his firearm at his upper chest. The gun discharged at point-blank range, killing the victim.

CAUSE: Victim stumbled and fell; careless handling

4. **SHOOTER:** 49 year-old male **VICTIMS:** 39 year-old male
FIREARM: 12-gauge shotgun **TYPE:** Non-fatal
COUNTY: Grant **BLAZE ORANGE:** Yes
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes **DATE OF ACCIDENT:** 12/3/05

NARRATIVE: The shooter and victim were hunting in a group of 7 hunters that divided into two groups about 75 yards apart. The shooter was walking along a ditch bank when quail flushed behind him and he turned and fired, striking the victim in the face with two pellets. The shooter admitted he did not know exactly where the other group was at the time he fired.

CAUSE: Victim covered by shooter swinging on game

5. **SHOOTER:** 23 year-old male **VICTIM:** Self-Inflicted
FIREARM: .22 Rifle **TYPE:** Non-Fatal
COUNTY: Lincoln **BLAZE ORANGE:** N/A
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes **DATE OF ACCIDENT:** 8/22/05

NARRATIVE: The shooter had recently completed military boot camp training and returned home. The shooter reported seeing a magpie at 7 a.m. and decided to shoot it. He loaded the single shot rifle and attempted to shoot, but the safety was engaged. He then pointed the rifle toward the ground, disengaged the safety and the gun discharged into his foot. There were no witnesses to the incident.

CAUSE: Careless handling

6. **SHOOTER:** 9 year-old male **VICTIM:** 12 year-old male
FIREARM: .410 shotgun **TYPE:** Non-Fatal
COUNTY: Ferry **BLAZE ORANGE:** N/A
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: No **DATE OF ACCIDENT:** 11/11/05

NARRATIVE: This shooting incident wasn't reported until eight days after it occurred. The shooter and victim—brothers—were unlawfully hunting turkey with their father. The older boy had shot and killed a turkey and the father then handed the shotgun to the younger son. Another turkey appeared and the younger son discharged the shotgun, striking his brother who was only 6 feet away. The victim now has a steel rod in his arm and has received skin grafts. Neither of the brothers attended hunter education.

CAUSE: Victim moved into the line of fire

7. **SHOOTER:** 15 year-old male **VICTIMS:** Self-inflicted

FIREARM: .22 LR Rifle
COUNTY: Lincoln
HUNTER ED GRADUATE: Yes

TYPE: Non-fatal
BLAZE ORANGE: NA
DATE OF ACCIDENT: 5/29/06

NARRATIVE:

The shooter and a companion were done hunting ground squirrels on an area farm and they placed their firearms—muzzle up--inside their vehicle. The shooter reported that he knew he had rounds in the firearm, but didn't believe any live rounds were in the chamber. The gun discharged as the shooter attempted to shift gears. The shooter agreed to attend area hunter education classes to discuss the incident.

CAUSE: Loaded gun in a motor-driven vehicle

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	<u>Fatal Incidents</u>	<u>Non-Fatal Incidents</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Eastern Washington	0	6	6
Western Washington	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
	1	6	7

SHOOTER STATUS, TYPE OF FIREARM, NUMBER OF INCIDENTS

<u>Shooter Status</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>	<u>Firearm Type</u>	<u>Fatal</u>	<u>Non-Fatal</u>	<u>Total</u>
Self-inflicted	3	Shotgun	0	4	4
Shot by someone in same party	4	Rifle	1	2	3
Shot by someone outside party	0	Handgun	0	0	0
Livestock	<u>0</u>	Muzzleloader	0	0	0
Total	7	Archery	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			1	6	7

SPECIES BEING PURSUED AT TIME OF INCIDENT

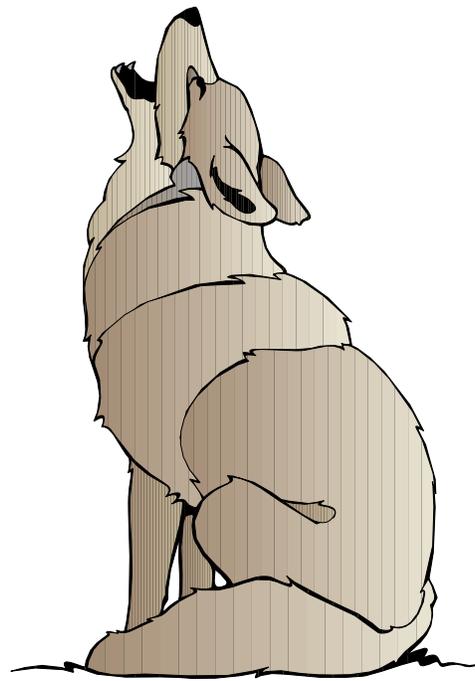
<u>Species</u>	<u>Number Fatal Incidents</u>	<u>Number Non-Fatal Incidents</u>	<u>Total Incidents</u>
Upland birds/grouse	0	4	4
Deer/elk	1	0	1
Waterfowl	0	0	0
Cougar	0	0	0
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	1	6	7

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